

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 6-14, 19-35, and 43 are rejected; and claims 2-5 and 15-18 are objected to.

The allowance of claims 36-42 is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 2. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended is now allowable. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 3-5, formerly dependent on claim 2, have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 15-18 depend from claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments are sufficient to overcome the grounds of objection, and that claims 3-5 and 15-18 are now allowable.

Rejected claims 6-14, 19-35, and 43 are cancelled herein.

All of the foregoing cancellations and amendments are made without prejudice, and solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application, the applicant expressly reserving the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the narrowed and cancelled subject matter.

CONCLUSION

As all grounds of rejection and objection have been overcome, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative directly if it is believed that such communication would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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